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Smallpox in St. Nazaire.

NANTES, FRANCE, *March 8, 1900.*

SIR: I beg to inform you regarding the appearance of smallpox at the port of St. Nazaire. I am officially informed the disease was taken to St. Nazaire some weeks ago by a traveler going from Marseilles to St. Nazaire by train. There have been reported so far 32 cases and 4 deaths. I understand that vaccination is not compulsory and that many of the patients remain at their homes after having taken the disease instead of being removed to a hospital or pesthouse. However, the disease thus far has not been very fatal and it is said to be diminishing in the city of St. Nazaire. One case was reported last week where the physician and mayor were obliged to bury the deceased, as, it was said, no one else would approach the house. I have also been informed that the disease has reached the suburbs of Nantes. Should it become epidemic or continue to spread I will report the matter. I have requested the consular agent at St. Nazaire to exercise care in issuing bills of health for vessels going to the United States or Cuba.

Respectfully,

JOS. I. BRITTAIN,

United States Consul at Nantes, France.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

GERMANY.

Report from Bremen.

BREMEN, GERMANY, *March 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the abstract of bills of health for the week ended March 10, which shows the transactions at this station.

The last weekly health report of the city of Bremen shows 8 cases of diphtheria and 2 of scarlet fever. There were 64 deaths from all causes, as against 75 for the previous week. From this report and from personal inquiry of physicians, I learn that the epidemic of influenza is diminishing.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Hamburg.

HAMBURG, GERMANY, *March 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended March 10, 1900: The steamship *Patricia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed Sunday, March 4, carrying 989 steerage passengers. For these passengers, 507 pieces of baggage were inspected and 241 were disinfected. The steamship *Graf Waldersee* was inspected with reference to steerage accommodations March 10, preparatory to her sailing the following day. Bills of health were issued during the week to 9 vessels, of which 5 carried cargo. Influenza has ceased to prevail to any considerable extent in the city.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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